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LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Medical Officer's Report for the year ending 31st December 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my report on the health of the Urban District of Longdendale for 1970.

I assumed office on January 1st of that year following Dr. Darling's resignation in order to enter General Practice. He felt that the changing pattern of public health work did not warrant the appointment of two Medical Officers in this area of Cheshire of which Longdendale forms a part. My experience in 1970 bears out the truth of this philosophy.

The prime reason for the appointment of Medical Officers of Health was the high incidence of infectious fevers particularly cholera, typhoid and smallpox. The effective control of these conditions will be appreciated when one notes the figures for 1970 - 37 cases of infectious fevers in all were notified, of which 21 were measles (now preventable by immunisation) and the killing diseases of the 19th century were conspicuous by their absence. In 1970, the number of deaths increased by 30 to 115. The main reasons for this were the larger numbers of coronary disease cases and diseases of the chest. Although influenza only accounted for 2 deaths the outbreak at the beginning of 1970 probably resulted in the increase in pneumonia and bronchitis deaths.

An increase in the number of births to a certain extent counter-balanced the higher death rate. Altogether 149 were recorded.

The number of infant deaths remained at two and once again the maternal mortality was nil.

May I, in conclusion, express my thanks to the members of the Committee for their interest, Mr. Skirrow for his loyalty and constant help, and the staff for their willing co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

T. HOLME.

Medical Officer of Health.
Longdendale Urban District Council.

POPULATION

The Registrar General's estimate for mid-1970 was 10,160.

BIRTHS

There were 149 live births during 1970. Of these 83 were males and 66 females.

The Crude Birth Rate was 14.7 per 1,000 compared with 13.6 per thousand in 1969. When adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas the birth rate was 12.8 per 1,000 compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

DEATHS

The number of deaths during 1970 was 115. Of these 60 were males and 55 females. The Crude Death Rate was 11.3 per 1,000 compared with 8.4 per 1,000 for 1969. When adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas the Death Rate was 17.2, the figure for England and Wales during 1970 being 11.7. The causes of death were as shown in the table on page 3.

INFANT MORTALITY

Two infants died under the age of twelve months.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No deaths occurred as a result of pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following figures indicate the extent to which all types of notifiable infectious diseases occurred.

Inf. Jaundice	9
Measles	21
Dysentery	1
Whooping Cough	3

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Specimens obtained from patients by family practitioners for various bacteriological tests are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Manchester. Reports upon specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor and copies are forwarded to the Health Office.

TUBERCULOSIS

These records are in process of being brought up-to-date with the Chest Clinic records.

Services administered by the Cheshire County Council

CARE OF MOTHERS AND BABIES

A weekly ante-natal Clinic is held every Wednesday morning. The local Domiciliary Midwife attends for the purpose of examination of expectant mothers who wish to have their babies at home. The afternoon of the 2nd Monday in each month is devoted to immunisation and is attended by the Divisional Medical Officer. Other immunisation sessions are carried out as the need arises.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1970 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGDENDALE

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 wks.	4 wks. & under 1 year	Age in Years. 1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
B.18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.19(1) Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B.19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesopghagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B.19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B.19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
B.19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
B.19(10) Leukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
B.20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
B.46(5) Other diseases of nervous system	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIOD OF LIFE DURING 1970 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGDENDALE (CONTD)

	Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 wks.	4 wks. & under 1 year	Age in Years. 1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
B.27	Hypertensive Disease	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B.28	Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	6	7
		F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	3
B.29	Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
		F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
B.30	Cerebrovascular Disease	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	3
		F	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	9
B.46(6)	Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
B.31	Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B.32	Pneumonia	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
		F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
B.33(1)	Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
B.36	Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.46(8)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.46(9)	Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.42	Congenital Anomalies	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIOD OF LIFE DURING 1970 IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGDENDALE (CONTD)

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 wks.	4 wks. & under 1 year	Age in Years. 1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over
B.43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.44 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.45 Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
BE.47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE.49 Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	60	1	-	-	1	-	-	4	1	15	16	22
	F	55	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	2	3	17	29

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LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

for the year ending

31st December, 1970

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1970.

Major developments during the year included the appointment of Mr. R.M. Young as additional Public Health Inspector, and the transfer of the refuse collection service to this department.

Good progress was made in the field of Housing Act action in respect of both properties calling for demolition action and also in consideration of the Broadbottom General Improvement Area proposals.

Inspection of food premises was also given requisite coverage, which had previously been impossible.

The envisaged action towards Smoke control was held in abeyance because of the shortage of solid smokeless fuel.

My thanks are due to Dr. Holme, the Clerk and Surveyor, my own staff, and to the members of the Council for their active co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

F. SKIRROW.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

TABLE SHOWING SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES WITHIN THE DISTRICT

	31.12.69	31.12.70	Increase or Decrease 1969/1970	% of total properties
Separate Dwellings	3,489	3,496	+ 7	1.7
Dwellings served by:-				
(a) Chemical & Pail Closets	74	60	-14	1.7
(b) Water Carriage Closets	3,415	3,436	+21	98.3
(a) Council Sewage Scheme	3,344	3,356	+12	96.1
(b) Septic Tanks	77	80	+ 3	2.2
(c) Other means	68	60	- 8	1.7
(a) Mains water supply	3,406	3,414	+ 8	97.7
(b) Private water supply	83	82	- 1	2.3
Dwellings with baths	2,992	3,035	+43	86.8

The number of new houses completed during the year was 23, all built by private builders. These being 18 houses at Tollemache Close, Dale View, Hillend Lane and Home Farm Avenue, Mottram, 2 bungalows at Tollemache Road, Mottram, 1 house at Moss Lane, Broadbottom, and two houses at Wood Street, Hollingworth.

House building in progress during the year included 30 Council houses at Woodlands Close, Broadbottom, private development at Hill End, Broadbottom, and Taylor Street, Hollingworth, and work on a further some 200 dwellings for Manchester Corporation on the Hattersley Estate.

HOUSING ACT, 1957-1969

Action taken during the year included the following:

1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 Brick Street, Broadbottom	Demolition of unfit dwellings completed in compliance with orders.
23 Mottram Moor, Mottram	Demolition completed (Council-owned dwellinghouse).
Clough End Bungalow, Hattersley	Report submitted to Committee as Unfit Property-Order pending.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mill Street, Broadbottom	Representation submitted to Committee as Unfit Dwellings.
4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 Cannon Street, Hollingworth	Representation submitted to Committee as Unfit Dwellings.
127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147. 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161 Market Street, 2, 4, 6, 8, Printers Fold, Hollingworth	Declared Clearance Area by Council resolution.
1, 1a, 3, 5 St. Annes Street, Broadbottom	Closing Orders rescinded on completion of works to make fit by conversion into two dwellings.

Progress continued towards the declaring of a General Improvement Area covering some 95 houses at Broadbottom, in the form of discussions with the local officers of the Department of the Environment, consideration of details of the scheme and the holding of a meeting with owners and tenants in the area to give information and have discussion on the proposals.

There were no applications for disrepair certificates.

There were no houses in multiple occupation, nor common lodging houses within the district.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936, ETC.

Number of informal or verbal notices	119
Number of statutory notices served	24
Number of properties at which defects remedied or nuisances abated following informal action	130
Number of properties at which defects remedied or nuisances abated following statutory action	24 (1 in default)

CLEAN AIR ACT 1956-1968

As anticipated in last year's report the solid smokeless fuel shortage influenced the Council to postpone for the year, proposals to apply a smoke control policy within the district.

The volumetric instrument sited at the Council Offices was again operated throughout the year, and the following figures are readings taken from this instrument:

Period	Smoke (Conc Ug/M3)	Sulphur (Conc Ug/M3)
January, February, March	101	115
April, May, June	53	81
July, August, September	41	32
October, November, December	90	85

WATER SUPPLY

All mains supply within the District is by Manchester Corporation Waterworks and is subject to filtration and chlorination. Details have been given in previous years' reports. Included in the supervision is weekly sampling by the waterworks department itself.

Fourteen samples of mains supply were additionally submitted for bacteriological examination by this authority. All were reported as being completely satisfactory.

Three complaints of discolouration and taste were investigated by the Waterworks Department, including chemical analysis.

Number of properties on mains supply	3,414
Number of properties on private supply	82

REFUSE COLLECTION

As envisaged in last year's report, the control of this service was transferred from the Engineer and Surveyor to the Health Department.

The service provides for weekly collection in all but the isolated parts of the district where collections are made fortnightly. Tipping continued at the Hyde Municipal Tip at Dunkirk Farm by arrangement with that Authority.

Discussions continued with Glossop M.B. and Tintwistle R.D.C. towards the joint provision of the pulverisation plant referred to in last year's report.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

The number of derelict or abandoned vehicles removed under the Act was as follows:-

Removed by Council's contractor:

(a) by voluntary action	13
(b) by statutory action	5

Removed by owners after investigation 16

The major difficulty experienced in the administration of the Act was that of tracing owners and/or persons responsible for abandoned vehicles.

The Council undertakes the removal free of charge of any exceptional or bulky items of household refuse such as discarded furniture, providing notification is given. Under this scheme 350 collections were made.

RODENT CONTROL

Free treatment is given against Rodent Infestation. The service was carried out by the Glossop M.B. rodent operative under an agreement with that Authority.

104 premises were treated for infestation, and 124 premises were inspected, in connection with rodent control.

The whole of the sewerage system was treated with fluoroacetamide; the number of manholes at which there were any takes was relatively small. A follow-up treatment was carried out in the areas where takes were found.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

	Type		Analysis at end of year: No. registered under Section 16 Food & Drugs Act 1955 — Ice Cream	Preserved Food
1.	Chip Potatoes, Fried Fish	3		3
2.	Butchers	8		7
3.	Manufacturing Bakery, Grocery, Sweets	3	1	2
4.	Grocery, Sweets and Greengrocery	12	5	
5.	Grocery, Sweets	6	2	
6.	Sweets	7	5	
7.	Greengrocery	3		
8.	Greengrocery, fish	3		
9.	Retail bakery, Grocery and sweets	3	2	2
10.	Public Houses	16		
11.	Clubs selling drinks	4		
12.	Factories and school canteens	10		
13.	Cafes	1	1	

Regular routine inspections of food premises throughout the district were carried out during the year, with the result that a substantial number of improvements were obtained.

Notices were served in respect of unsatisfactory conditions at 15 food premises, and one notice in respect of unsatisfactory condition of a delivery vehicle.

As a result of three cases of refrigeration failure due to mechanical defects, voluntary surrender certificates were issued for unsound food valued at £131.

The department also accepted surrender of 51½ lbs of tinned and packetted food which was found to be unfit for human consumption.

Four complaints as to unsound food purchased within the district were dealt with. One case taken by County Weights & Measures Department was heard during the year, in respect of mouldy sausages, and following a plea of guilty a fine of £5. 0. 0 plus £4.14. 0 costs was imposed. The second complaint dealt with by County Weights and Measures Department was of portion of solder in a tin of corned beef. This resulted in the importers being cautioned.

The third complaint was of grubs in a bar of chocolate. Investigations were carried out by this department and revealed a defect in stock rotation at the premises. Both this and the attendant insect infestation were remedied.

The fourth complaint was of insects in Cummin Seed imported from Canada. This was investigated with the assistance of the Entomology Department of Manchester Museum but no formal action was possible.

In addition, investigations were carried out into the sale of unsound pre-cooked chicken portions. It was found that decomposition was due to cooked birds being placed in refrigeration in hot state. Action in this matter was taken by the Authority in which the supplier operated.

MILK SUPPLY

The licensing of milk suppliers within the district is under the control of the Cheshire County Council, with the exception of producer retailers who are licensed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. There are 6 dairy herds within the district (of which one is accredited under the Brucellosis accredited herd scheme) from which untreated milk is sold to the public.

The County Council undertakes the sampling of both heat treated and raw milk retailed in the district, information of these results, a summary of which is given below, being made available by the County Medical Officer of Health.

	Pass	Fail	Void
Sterilised Milk (Turbidity Test)	12	1	-
Untreated T.T. Milk (Meth.Blue)	73	2	6
Pasteurised Milk (Meth.Blue)	18	2	-
(Phosph.Test)	14	-	-

NOTE: The foregoing tests are those prescribed under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, and are intended to indicate the cleanliness of production and handling and/or effectiveness of heat treatment. They do not have reference to the quality of milk as to fat and non-fatty solids content.

Tests are also carried out for brucella infection in untreated milk, and the following results were notified:-

	Milk Ring Test		Culture	
	Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive
(1) Retail Samples	77	1+	2	
(2) Bulk Samples	20	1++		

In addition, 6 guinea pig inoculation tests were reported negative on tubercle test and 3 on brucella test.

SLAUGHTER HOUSES

There are no slaughter houses within the district.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The total number of premises registered at the end of the year was:

Offices	1
Shops	12
Catering Establishments	10

All the shops and catering establishments received one or more general inspections during the year, whilst 97 visits (of all kinds) were made to these premises. Three informal notices were served for non-compliance with the Act.

No accidents were reported under Section 48.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One boarding establishment continued to be licensed under the Act within the district.

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
in respect of the year 1970 for the
URBAN DISTRICT OF LONGDENDALE in the County of
Cheshire

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	12	8	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	12	8	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Refd. to H.M. Insp. (4)	by H.M. Insp. (5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)					
TOTAL	1	1	-	-	-

APPENDIX - (2)

Factories Act, 1961

Part viii of the Act

Outwork
(Sections 133 and 134)

			Section 110		Section 111	
Nature of work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu-tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosec-utions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing) Making Apparel) etc.	8	-	-	-	-	-
-do- Cleaning and washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brush making	1	-	-	-	-	-
All Other forms of outwork	-	-	-	-	-	-